

What's happening next week?

- **Monday 11th December**
9:00am Hayfield Cross School Carol Concert
9:30am Refresh
1:00pm Staff meeting
7:30pm Bell Ringers
- **Tuesday 12th December**
9:30am Make & Play
- **Wednesday 13th December**
9:30am Ladies Bible Study
2:00pm Funeral of Joyce Bailey LINK
8:00pm LINK
- **Thursday 14th December**
10:30am - 4:00pm Potters Place Christmas lunch
7:30pm 1eighty
7:30pm Music Practice
- **Friday 15th December**
7:30pm Music Practice
- **Saturday 16th December**
10:30am Carol Singers
- **Sunday 17th December**
8:00pm LINK

Christmas Shopping

Don't forget *easyfundraising*. Shop online at (for example)

Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, TK Maxx, Amazon, eBay & House of Fraser.

The latest total is **£1,254.91** raised to date. That's not all this year!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Services at St Botolph's Sunday 17th December

- 8:00am Holy Communion
- 10:00am Joint Morning Service
- 5:00pm Carols by Candlelight
- 7:00pm Carols by Candlelight

Clergy Rest Days w/c 11th December

- Mark Lucas - Friday
- Andy Clark - Saturday

Winter Glory

"Planting the Heavens"
January 27th 2018

Kettering Conference Centre

A Christian conference to encourage & equip women in the East Midlands.

Guest speakers

Amy Orr-Ewing & Tanya Walker
from the Zacharias Trust.

For full details & to buy your ticket visit :

www.winterglory.co.uk

Christmas Greeting Board

Wish a Happy Christmas to St Bots family the Greetings Board in church. You can make a donation in the collection tin below the board. Bring your card and pin it to the board. This year the nominated charity is *Kettering Food Bank*.

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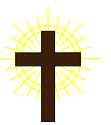
(Opening Hours Mon - Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm.)



St Botolph's Church

Family News

10th December 2017
Second Sunday of Advent



Refreshments following the 9:15 am Service

Please join us for refreshments which will be served today after the 9:15am service in Church House. If you are new to St Botolph's please join us for coffee so we can get to know you better by chatting over a cuppa. Squash is also available.



Services 10th December

9:15am Family Carols

11:00am Morning Service

Matthew 1:18-23 p807

4:00pm Carols on the Green



"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:20-21

Prayer Points - China, December

We give thanks for hundreds of young Chinese Christians who have dedicated their lives to full time ministry of some kind. Please pray for them and their families.

May the Lord strengthen their heart as they follow His leading.

Sat 9 - Tues 12 Dec.

A very warm welcome to **Nerena Nethercoat** - our **Crosslinks Mission Partner** who is with us until Tuesday.

Nerena is part of a student ministry called The Bible Talks (TBT) on the campuses of the University of KwaZulu Natal. She will be attending services, including Carols on the Green, and visiting some groups. Please do make a point of getting to know her.



Children's and Youth Choir

Calling ALL singers - Primary and Secondary aged!

It's that time again! And we're wanting to put together a children's and youth choir for our Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

If your child/teenager would like to sing and they are free from 3.15pm on Christmas Eve until after the Christingle Service then read on!

We are going to sing 'Silent Night' and will have our first practise straight after this service in the youth room upstairs in church house. This may well be our only practise as well as one at 3.15pm on Christmas Eve so it's vital that they use the time in between to learn the words to the song! (google it!). However, if it's necessary, we may well do another quick practise after the service next week.

Please speak to me if you are interested - or just turn up for the practise after this service!

Thank you! Kirsty Clark

Youth and Children's Band

We are aiming to have our youth and children's band again on Christmas Eve at the Christingle Service.

Please let me know if you have an instrument and would be able to play (piano sorted!) If you think you may only manage one or two of the songs then that is totally fine! Just come and have a go!

Once I know who we have I'll give out music ASAP so that you can practise at home. There will be a band practise before the Christingle service starting at 2.30pm and it's essential that you come to that!

All tinsel and Christmas jumpers/hats compulsory on the day! Let me know if you are interested. *Kirsty Clark*

Barton Seagrave Village, Church & People By Anne Pegg

Anne has completed her historical account of Barton Seagrave from earliest times to the 1930s.

The book has now gone to print and will be available to order from Sunday December 3rd when order forms will be in church.

The cost will be £10.

Anne says "... it has fallen to me to set down as accurately as I can the rich history of Barton Seagrave."

A fascinating read.

"I have been overwhelmed by the interest and enthusiasm for the book and am close to running out of the introductory print run.

I will be ordering a revised reprint in the New Year. If I already have your order form, I will be in the Tower area of church at the close of the 9.15 service and also in church for the 11 a.m. to distribute those + as many as I can to new orders received that day.

Other order forms will be held by me until the new edition arrives.

No new order forms are now available.

Anne

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Good News for Barton Seagrave

Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Bots on Sunday 11th February 2018 at 6:30pm. Bishop Rod Thomas of Maidstone will preside.

There will be 3 preparation sessions will be held in advance of the date.

If you would like more information about Confirmation and the service, please speak with Andy or Mark.

HOUSE NEEDED URGENTLY

Following a sudden 'notice to quit' from the landlord, Marylynn Rouse has an urgent need for a quiet, spacious 3-bedroomed house and garage as a new base for herself and the extensive specialist resources of The John Newton Project – if possible still within walking distance of church.

Please pray for a speedy resolution. If you know of anything please contact Marylynn on 01536 722369 or admin@johnnewton.org.

Scout Christmas Post

The Scout Christmas post box is now in Church House entrance foyer.

It will be removed on Wednesday **December 13th.**

Kettering and surrounding villages are covered. There is a full list on the post box.

The cost is 30p per card.



Ecclesiastical Insurance

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to church when a new home insurance policy is taken out with them.

Ecclesiastical's TRUST130 offer is open until December 2018 to give as many opportunities as possible to receive Ecclesiastical donations.

To get a quote go to

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/foryou/insurance/homeinsurance/trust130>



Help us to enfold our church family with prayer. Please pray for these people this week:

- Harry & June Eastwood
- Joel, Martin, Louise & family
- Maurice Haynes
- Christine Eyre
- Bob Hart
- Matt Simper



Church Flowers

I am now compiling the rota for 2018, if you would like to join us we have a few places to be filled. We ask if you would place flowers in an arrangement or a vase once a year.

Some of us are now getting a little older and would like the tradition to carry on as it has been for many years.

Contact *Sandy Frost 01536 725993.*

Church Decoration

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 16th December from 9am to 11am.

If you would like to help or contribute greenery, (holly, ivy or fir) please contact *Sandy Frost 01536 725993*

From the Nobles

Thank you to everyone who came to the afternoon tea to raise money for Joe and Alice to be at Gaines.

We had a lovely afternoon and together with other donations that have come in have raised an unbelievable £677.00, thanks to the kindness of our wonderful family and friends. You truly are amazing, a big thank you.

The Nobles

Saturday Hour of Prayer

Will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Panelled Room of Church House.

- 6th January
- 3rd February

St. Botolph's Visiting Team

Please let one of our visiting team know if there is anyone you think would appreciate a visit.

Jim Rouse - 722594

Alice Spence - 726291

Kate Curnock - 484555

Nancy Williams - 516133

Christmas Diary

- 10th Dec Family Carols - 9:15am
- Carols on the Green - 4pm
- 14th Dec Potters Place Christmas Lunch
- 17th Dec Joint Service at 10am
- Carols by Candlelight at 5pm & 7pm
- 19th Dec Make & Play Christmas Party
- 24th Dec Joint service with St Edmund's (at St Bots) at 10am
- Christingle at St Bots at 4pm
- Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
- 25th Dec St Edmund's Christmas Morning Service at 9am
- Christmas Morning Celebration at St Bots at 10am, followed by short service of Holy Communion
- 31st Dec All Age Service at 10am



Christmas Cracker Joke

What do you call a child who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus.

